MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

August 2022 – Our usual monthly MNS meeting will not be held in August. Instead, on August 18, the club will make a trek by reserved bus to the ANA World's Fair of Money in Rosemont, IL. Contact President Justin for details. Meetings will resume as usual on September 15, 6 PM, in the Mayfair Community Room.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are now held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month.

August Coin of the Month: **This month we feature an extremely rare Armenian-reference Roman provincial struck by Trajan (98-117 AD). This bronze is attributed to Nicopolis ad Lycum (a town in northern Asia Minor) commemorating Trajan's conquest of Armenia in 114. The reverse shows Armenia in mourning seated with arms and a standard and has the legend ARMENIA in Greek (not very apparent on this example). Bedoukian 30, Kovacs 303. Kovacs lists this type as unique, but it should be regarded as extremely rare. Ex CNG eAuction 518, lot 332.**

August-September 2022 MNS President's Message

As you can see from the heading this newsletter will be a combined issue for the months of August and September due to the fact there is no August meeting because of the van trip to the ANA show. So don't be alarmed if you don't receive a newsletter in September, the next one will come out as scheduled in October, after our Sept. 15th meeting.

The annual MNS Banquet is back on the calendar after a several year hiatus. It is planned for Saturday, October 22nd at Alioto's, dinner to be served at 6:15 PM. Our evening entertainment will be magician Julie Sobanski. Everyone who volunteered at least three hours at last year's coin show will receive a free ticket to the banquet. Anyone who volunteers the required hours at this year's show will get a ticket for the 2023 banquet. Any exhibit awards will be presented at the Christmas party meeting in December. Pricing and meal choices for the banquet will be announced in a future issue of the newsletter.

Reading an announcement from the ANA, they are planning to have some terrific numismatic items on exhibit for the attendees, including multi-million dollar rare coins, historic documents, and a collection of gold and other items recovered from the *S.S. Central America*. Combine this with the hundreds of dealers and the various programs and lectures, and this is looking like it will be another show for the ages. Hopefully everybody will find time to attend the show for at least one day of its run.

At the September club meeting we will set aside plenty of time for members to show off their new purchases from the ANA, and anything else they have, for show and tell. We will also spend the duration of the evening playing a challenging numismatic trivia game. Those present will be divided into two teams, and the team with the highest score will be declared the numismatic victors with bragging rights and prizes. Also, start thinking about the October auction. We will need to have a list of items by September so it can be published in advance. As usual, please e-mail your list of auction items to Leon asap.

Happy Collecting,
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***Editorial:** Our illustrious president states above that this is a two-month issue, but my hope is to get an issue of the News out in September which may consist largely of articles. This month we are printing the first two pages of an article (originally appearing in NOW News) by our veteran member Lee Hartz on the German monument at Valhalla. With luck, the final three pages of Lee's article will appear in the next issue.*
I'd like to take this opportunity to once again recognize and thank all those who have contributed to the success of this newsletter: Justin, who prepares the calendar and president's message and gets them to me each month, James (or Jim H. or Dave He. if he's not available) for the minutes, the other Dave (Hu.) who attaches the stamps to the envelopes, Printgraphix of Greenfield (76th and Holmes) for expert printing, and finally my daughter Ani who prints our labels.--Leon

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Schedule

Monthly meetings for 2022 calendar year are ready to proceed as scheduled. Due to changes at Mayfair Mall, our meetings will run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 20:	General Business/Show & Tell
Feb 17:	Tom Casper: Presentation
March 17:	General Business/Show & Tell
April 21:	General Business/Show & Tell
May 19:	Spring Auction
June 16:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
July 21:	General Business/Show & Tell
Aug 18:	NO MEETING-ANA Show Bus
Sept 15:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 20:	Autumn Auction
Nov 17:	Raffle Tickets Drawing
Dec 15:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2022 are $10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2022 Numismatic Events

Aug. 14:	Beaver Dam Coin Show 300 Beichl Ave. (9-3 PM)
Aug. 16-20:	ANA World's Fair of Money Rosemont, IL (10-6 PM)
Aug. 18:	MNS Bus Trip to ANA Show Leave from College Ave. Park & Ride Southwest Lot at 7:30 AM
Oct. 30:	Elgin Coin Club Show Holiday Inn at 495 Airport Rd (9-3 PM)
Nov 13:	MNS Coin Show (9-4 PM) Sheraton Hotel Brookfield
April 22, 2023	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic during SS Coin Show

MNS Banquet

October 22: Alioto's: 6-8 PM
Entertainment: Magician Julie Sobanski

Refreshment Schedule

Jan 20:	Don K.
Feb 17:	Open
March 17:	Jordan H.
April 21:	Dave Hunsicker
May 19:	Justin P.
June 16:	Justin P.
July 21:	Ray/Christine S.
August 18:	NO MEETING (ANA Trip)
Sept 15:	Open
Oct 20:	Open
Nov 17:	Open
Dec 15:	Christmas Party

Cilician Armenia, King Levon I (1198-1219 AD), silver double tram, 27 mm, 5.34 grams. Ex-Stack's January 2009 auction, lot 3474. A choice example.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

July 21, 2022

President Justin Perreault called the 1029th[th] meeting of the MNS to order at 6:06pm. There were 18 members and no guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Josh W, Chris K, John B, Tom C and Chris K.

Coin of the Month: Leon S. won the coin of the month, a 1990 Eisenhower Centennial UNC Silver Dollar – W Mintmark, with a winning bid of $52.00

Minutes: The minutes for June 2022 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chris K. reported that June showed net receipts of $55.00, Vanguard transfer, and $360.57 in net disbursements for a net cash flow of $280.90

Correspondence: The Numismatist, Coins, ANA Thank You Letter

Vice President Report: There are openings for several months this year for members to bring refreshments. There are also dates available for program Ideas.

ANA Bus Trip: The club will be renting a 14-passenger bus to take members & guests down to the ANA World's Fair of Money on August 18 (Thursday). The bus will leave from the College Ave Park & Ride at 7:30am. As of now the bus is full but if you are interested in being added to the waiting list then please contact Justin P. A reminder there will be no August meeting. The bus trip will replace the August meeting.

MNS Banquet: Our annual banquet will take place October 22, at Alioto's on Mayfair at 6 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm with entertainment at 7 pm. If you volunteered at the MNS Coin Show last year then your meal will be covered.

MNS Coin Show: Our show will be on November 13, 2022, at the Brookfield location as it was last year.

Show & Tell: Skip H – Medallic Commemorative Coin 1969 / Bruce B – Architectural Medal / James K – Small and Large 2 Cent / Leon S - Noah's Ark Gold coins from Armenia / Justin P – Airline Medals.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 7:34 pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley

Some of the counterfeit coins received by a Texas investor.

CAUTION: Hundreds of Websites Selling Counterfeit Gold, Silver Coins

Looking to buy gold and silver, "Oliver," an investor in Texas, responded to advertisements on Facebook from two companies that touted exceptionally low "introductory offer" prices for silver and gold bullion coins. He paid $1,000 and now is trying to get his money back because the "gold coin" and all 50 "silver coins" he received are counterfeits apparently made in China, according to the non-profit Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation (ACEF).

"I started suspecting they were not genuine when tracking information for my orders was in Chinese," said Oliver. "That was a red flag. I also saw the same advertisement online with the same format and same pricing but with different company names. When I received the orders, I thought I had gotten taken."

At the time he placed his order, a 1-ounce United States Mint-produced American gold Eagle would have been priced at about $1,950. He paid $499 but got a counterfeit. Each of the 50 1-ounce American silver Eagle coins he ordered should have sold for about $40 each, a total of about $2,000 for 50 genuine examples. Oliver paid $499.98 for 50 but received only fakes.

He now is working with his credit card companies to reverse the charges on his two purchases and is assisting the ACEF to alert investigators and the public.

"Chinese counterfeiters are blowing up the web selling fake silver and gold coins that may look like the real thing at first glance but certainly are not," said Doug Davis, director of ACEF anti-counterfeiting. "We've seen suspicious ads posted on many platforms, including Amazon and Facebook, with links to the fraudsters' websites.

"The counterfeiters and their accomplices are heavily marketing fakes through social media and online 'coin dealer' websites," explained Davis, a former Texas police chief. "We now are tracking more than 300 websites selling fakes, many of them apparently operated by the same individuals or companies, but often under different company names. Some even copy the exact wording and actual photos from legitimate dealers' web pages.

"Remember, if you don't know precious metals or rare coins, you'd better know a reputable seller, such as experts affiliated with the Accredited Precious Metals Dealer program (www.APMDdealers.org) or the Professional Numismatists Guild (www.PNGdealers.org)," advised Davis. Members of both PNG and APMD must follow a strict code of ethics in the buying and selling of numismatic merchandise.

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The foundation is alerting the Secret Service about the fakes as part of the organization's ongoing assistance to federal, state and local law enforcement as well as prosecutors to fight counterfeiting and the sales of counterfeit coins.

"The important work of the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation and its volunteer task force of rare coin and precious metals experts is supported entirely by donations," explained Robert Brueggeman, ACEF executive director. "The ACEF is a 501(c)(3) corporation, and all donations are tax deductible."

For more, visit www.ACEFonline.org.

New Collectors Need Direction, Not Criticism

By Daryl Conley

I bought my first computer around 1995. It had 512k of memory. Now, my coffee maker has more than that. I have upgraded many times since then, but that doesn't make me a computer expert. I discarded my flip-phone a few years back and upgraded to a "smarter-than-me" phone where I can access the internet, send texts or pull up a map when I'm lost, a feature I have used many more times than I care to admit. I am still hesitant about some things; I don't have my phone filled up with apps, I'm not on Twitter and I don't submit videos of myself on Tik Tok.

I just joined Facebook about six or seven years ago. It has been a fun and rewarding experience, connecting with family members and friends, some of whom I hadn't seen or heard from in decades. I also found some coin groups that I joined. They seem to be geared mostly toward the new collector, and I enjoy sharing what I have learned about coins during my 50 years of collecting. There are many photos posted with the question, "is this coin valuable?" Most of the time, it's not.

Some of the replies can be rather harsh or downright insulting, criticizing the sender for posting photos of worthless coins or coins only worth face value. Shame on them. We all had to start somewhere, and we should be sharing our knowledge and experience with people who are just coming into the hobby, not criticizing them for their ignorance. These negative responders need to realize that just because they have been collecting for many years does not make them an expert, and just because they can afford slabbed and certified coins costing hundreds or thousands of dollars, does not give them the right to criticize others for thinking their ordinary coin found in their pocket change might have some value.

With today's technology and this thing they call the internet, there are literally thousands of resources new collectors can use to value their treasures. Some are not very accurate, and there is a lot of false information out there, so I will recommend they go to one of the genuine coin sites that has accurate information and/or actual selling prices.

Some folks on these sites are a little over-enthusiastic. They will post coins that they are convinced is a doubled-die or has some other fantastic error, that I cannot see. One in particular made me chuckle. One of the group members posted a picture of his Kennedy half which he knew had a portrait of Marilyn Monroe stamped into the field. His photo of the so-called image was taken at a magnification of around 20 and showed what appeared to be a water spot or smudge, I'm not really sure. I couldn't see Marilyn in the image, but I'm pretty sure I spotted Elvis!

Most people did not comment on his "finding," and that's probably a good thing. Enthusiasm for the hobby is a plus, but education is the key. There are also many posts of counterfeit coins. You can imagine their disappointment when it is pointed out that the coin is fake. When I see these, I will explain how to tell if it is genuine, firstly by weight and dimension. If the devil is in the details (pun intended), I will post a photo of one of my coins showing how it should look, or direct them to a coin site that has certified examples of the genuine article. Enthusiasm for the hobby can be quickly and permanently squashed when a new collector finds out his shiny, new-looking Morgan dollar turns out to be an iron-clad imitation from China.

Beginners need to educate themselves on how coins are produced, what they are made of and purchase a copy of the "Red Book" or similar coin value guide, subscribe to a magazine, join internet sites, etc. This will help them avoid the embarrassment or disappointment of being told their coin is fake or only worth face value. They also need to be informed that not every coin in their pocket is worth a million dollars just because they saw someone selling one like it. I have personally seen some ads for common Sacajawea "golden dollars" where the seller is asking a ridiculous price of hundreds of dollars. Does the seller really think it is made of gold?

To answer the question, "is this coin valuable," as some responders on these sites have kindly done, is to answer that with another question: "Is it valuable to you?" If it was a gift or an inheritance from a deceased loved one, the value could be priceless to the recipient even if it has no significant numismatic value. My first actual coins were five silver dollars that were left to me by grandfather. Grandpa had a cloth sack with a couple-dozen Morgan and Peace dollars inside, and he would give five of them to each grandchild when they turned five years old. I still have them. Their value is around $30 each. My own personal first find was a 1910 Lincoln cent that my mother had given me in a handful of change to buy my school lunch. I kept that "penny" and skipped lunch. This is how my journey to coin collecting began. I still have that cent, too. It's value is a whopping 45 cents. Are these coins valuable? They are to me; to me they are priceless.

We all had to start somewhere, and we should be sharing our knowledge and experience with people who are just coming into the hobby, not criticizing them for their ignorance.

Daryl Conley is a coin collector from Truth or Consequences, N.M.

To have your opinion considered for Viewpoint, email submissions to numismatics@aimmedia.com.

Walhalla

By Lee Hartz #1219

The Walhalla is a hall of fame that honors laudable and distinguished people and famous personalities in German history – politicians, sovereigns, scientists and artists of the German tongue. The hall is housed in a neo-classical building above the Danube River, east of Regensburg, in Bavaria, Germany.

The Walhalla is named for Valhalla of Norse mythology. (Valhalla was a mythical hall that was the sacred resting place for slain Norse warriors) Walhalla was conceived by Crown Prince Ludwig in 1807, who built it upon ascending the throne of Bavaria as King Ludwig I. Construction took place between 1830 and 1842, under the supervision of architect Leo von Klenze. The exterior is 246 feet long by 115 feet wide and is surrounded by 52 Doric columns. The interior consists of a hall 157 feet long, 46 feet wide, and 52 feet high.

The memorial displays some 65 plaques and 130 busts of persons, covering 2,000 years of history – the earliest person honored is Arminius, victor at the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest (9 AD).

History

By 1806 Napoleon's First French Empire had annexed German lands along the Rhine River and the North Sea. Central German states formed the Confederation of the Rhine, which sided with Napoleon. Francis II, Holy Roman Emperor, then formally dissolved the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation (6 August 1806) and instead styled himself Emperor of Austria. The War of the Fourth Coalition (1806-1807) pitted German forces on both sides against each other, and Napoleon again prevailed.

Ludwig I of Bavaria

In 1807, 20-year-old Crown Prince Ludwig of the Kingdom of Bavaria (newly elevated from Electorate to Kingdom by Napoleon in 1806), had the idea of reminding all Germans of their common heritage – of the great figures and events in ethnic German history. He commissioned several sculptors to create busts of famous individuals of his choice. Johann Gottfried Schadow's bust of Nicolaus Copernicus became one of the first completed, in 1807. Further suggestions for individuals to be honored were solicited in 1808 from Swiss historian Johannes von Müller.

By the time of Crown Prince Ludwig's coronation as King Ludwig I of Bavaria in 1825, 60 busts had been completed. In 1826 Ludwig commissioned the construction of a memorial above the Danube River, near Regensburg, modeled after the Parthenon in Athens. The southern pediment frieze features the 1815 creation of the German Confederation: the northern, scenes from the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest of 9 AD. According to Pictorial Travels Continentally Described (circa 1892), the construction of the building cost £666,666.

At Walhalla's inauguration on October 18, 1842, there were 96 busts, plus 64 plaques for persons or events of which no portrait was available on which to model a sculpture. As being "of the German tongue" was the main selection criterion for the original 160 persons representing the 1,800 years of German history, the King included persons from, or who had been active in, modern-day Sweden, Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, United Kingdom, Belgium, Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland and the Baltic States.